GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3473
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CONTEMPT POWER OF CAT
Riyan Shri Baju Ban

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to take away the contempt power of CAT as reported in certain dailies recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith proposal for redressal of grievances of aggrieved Central Government Employees; and

(c) the steps being taken to strengthen the CAT?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a)&(b): In the light of Supreme Court judgement that writ jurisdiction of High Courts under Article 226/227 shall continue even after the setting up of the Tribunals and Administrative Tribunals shall be subject to such jurisdiction of High Courts, the Government proposes to amend the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985 to delete Section 17 of the said Act relating to the power to punish for contempt of self.

(c): The Administrative Tribunals shall continue to be as strong and effective as at present as they would be competent to move the respective High Courts in the event of alleged contempt.